# **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS** Washington DC 20420

May 31, 2019

Daniel A. McGrath American Oversight 1030 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW, B255 Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. McGrath:

This letter is the Office of Electronic Health Record Modernization's (OEHRM) final Initial Agency Decision (IAD) in response to your two requests dated May 4, 2018 and submitted to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. OEHRM responded to your request for Genevieve Morris' records in an IAD dated April 25, 2019. In addition, on May 20, 2019, OEHRM released a subsequent IAD in response to your request for the records of Dr. Laura Kroupa, OEHRM Chief Medical Officer (CMO), a supplemental custodian added to the search per your request in March 2019.

You requested the following search terms:

#### Search One

Records containing the terms

- a. Isaac
- b. or Ike
- c. or Jared Kushner

## Search Two

Records containing the terms

- d. Moskowitz
- e. Perlmutter
- f. Ike
- g. Trump's friend
- h. Trump's doctor
- i. POTUS friend
- j. POTUS's friend
- k. POTUS' friend
- 1. POTUS doctor
- m. POTUS's doctor
- n. POTUS' doctor
- o. President's friend
- p. Friend of POTUS



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- q. Friend of President
- r. Friend of the President

Please note that the Office of the Secretary (OSVA), the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), and the Office of Information and Technology (OIT) will respond separately.

## IAD Part 2 for Dr. Laura Kroupa

Per the IAD dated May 20, 2019, one additional record, totaling 1,474 pages, remained in process. Upon a thorough review, this record is unresponsive to your request. In our search for the term "Ike," the record contained many returns for the word "like." As such, the previously released records conclude OEHRM's response to your request.

## **FOIA Mediation**

As part of the 2007 FOIA amendments, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) was created to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. Under the provisions of the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, the following contact information is provided to assist FOIA requesters in resolving disputes:

## **VA Central Office FOIA Public Liaison:**

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## **Office of Government Information Services (OGIS)**

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National Archives and Records Administration

8601 Adelphi Road

College Park, MD 20740-6001

## **FOIA Appeal**

Please be advised that should you desire to do so, you may appeal the determination made in this response to:

Office of General Counsel (024) Department of Veterans Affairs 810 Vermont Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20420



If you should choose to file an appeal, please include a copy of this letter with your written appeal and clearly indicate the basis for your disagreement with the determination set forth in this response. Please be advised that in accordance with VA's implementing FOIA regulations at 38 C.F.R. § 1.559, your appeal must be postmarked no later than ninety (90) days of the date of this letter.

Thank you for your interest in VA.

Sincerely,

Fred J Mingo Digitally signed by Fred J Mingo 1110027

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Mr. Fred Mingo, Jr. OEHRM FOIA Officer

